comments is electronically forwarded to AT&T for CICS entry and appropriate documentation and follow-up.

Any complaints directly related to CA performance are routed to a center Associate Manager who is required to meet with the individual CA within seventy-two hours of receipt of the complaint. Additional CA training is then scheduled if appropriate.

Complaints or inquiries related to technical or billing issues are not subject to a specific deadline since technical research or follow-up with other entities may be necessary. However, timely resolution of these items is still required and monitored by VDDHH. In addition, the Virginia State Corporation Commission is available to assist VDDHH with billing issues related to phone companies under their jurisdiction.

Copies of all CICS entries are maintained by VDDHH and reconciled to the monthly CICS report summary provided by AT&T. VDDHH staff members immediately investigate any complaints not indicating resolution during the month in question. Since June of 2000, any CICS entry related to an alleged violation of FCC TRS standards or of more stringent Virginia contract requirements is identified and filed separately. This allows for a clear annual accounting of specific complaints related to FCC or state contract requirements. These complaints are also noted in the annual submission of our FCC Complaint Log. All CICS entries and monthly reports are retained by VDDHH for a minimum of five years.

#### **Discussion of Consumer Complaints**

For the current FCC reporting period, 525 customer contacts were received and reported through CICS. Of this number, only 10, or approximately 2% of total contacts were identified as complaints. Of these 10 complaints, 3 were identified as alleged violations of the federal minimum standards. A breakdown of the FCC reportable complaints appears below.

#### Alleged Violations of the Federal Minimum Standards

Transparency	0
Confidentiality	0
Verbatim Relay of Call by CA	2
In Call Replacement	0
Answer Speed (Waiting Time)	0
CA Typing Skills	1

	Same Day	1 day	2-5 days	6-10 days	11-20 days	21-45 days	46 –90 days
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More information on each of the above reportable complaints is presented in the Annual Consumer Complaints Summary that begins on page 10 of this document.

The remaining 7 complaints were considered as personal call preferences, misunderstandings by the customer of relay protocols, or a perceived negative attitude or manner of the CA. Included was one complaint regarding the billing rate for an international relay call. A majority of the complaints were addressed in a 24-hour period and required minimal follow-up by VDDHH.

#### CapTel<sup>TM</sup> Relay Services

After an extremely successful twenty one-month trial of the service, Virginia began offering CapTel as an on-going part of VA Relay on April 1, 2004. While our contract for traditional relay services is with AT&T, Virginia established a separate contract for CapTel services with Sprint Relay. The CapTel call center is operated by Ultratec, Incorporated in Madison, Wisconsin. In accordance with FCC standards, CapTel services became 7-1-1 accessible in Virginia for hearing callers on August 1, 2004.

Virginia CapTel users can also provide comments on services through three basic avenues. Feedback is received directly by Sprint/Ultratec, directly by VDDHH, or indirectly through the VA Relay Advisory Council and the statewide VDDHH Outreach network.

#### Receipt of Consumer Comments and Methodology

Sprint/Ultratec receives CapTel user comments directly through:

- CapTel Customer Service Line 1-800-482-2424 (TTY) 1-877-243-2823 (Voice)
- CapTel Customer Service Email service@ultratec.com
- CapTel National Website www.captionedtelephone.com
- Virginia CapTel Account Karl.A. Ewan@sprint.com
- Consumer Correspondence

VDDHH receives CapTel user comments directly through:

- VDDHH Toll-Free Customer Service Number 1-800-552-7917 (TTY/Voice)
- On-line Relay Consumer Input Form www.vddhh.org
- VA Relay Website, www.varelay.org
- VDDHH Customer Service E-mail Address frontdsk@vddhh.virginia.gov
- VDDHH Public Meetings and Regional Consumer Forums
- Consumer Correspondence

VDDHH receives CapTel user comments indirectly through:

- The VA Relay Advisory Council whose members represent consumer organizations or specific types of relay users
- The VDDHH Statewide Outreach Network composed of staff and contractors who are knowledgeable of VA Relay, its operations and services.

In addition to these three basic avenues, VDDHH has worked out an agreement with AT&T that any CapTel user comments received at the Customer Care Desk at the VA Relay center will be accepted and immediately forwarded to VDDHH for follow-up with Sprint.

All CapTel user comments are provided to VDDHH by Sprint on a monthly basis. Any complaint that is not resolved within the reporting period is then documented and investigated by VDDHH staff.

#### **Discussion of CapTel Consumer Complaints**

A total of 29 complaints were received on the enhanced Voice Carry Over service during the current reporting period, the majority of which were technical in nature. Four of the complaints were considered alleged violations of FCC standards, all related to Typing Speed or Accuracy. This represents a slight improvement over the previous reporting period. The remaining complaints were satisfactorily resolved by CapTel Customer Service Representatives. A breakdown of the FCC reportable complaints follows.

#### Alleged Violations of the Federal Minimum Standards

Transparency	0
Confidentiality	0
Verbatim Relay of Call (Accuracy)	3
In Call Replacement	0
Answer Speed (Waiting Time)	0
Typing Speed	1

#### Number of Days for Resolution of Federal Minimum Standards Complaints

	Same Day	1 day	2-5 days	6-10 days	11-20 days	21-45 days	46 –90 days
Transparency							
Confidentiality							
Verbatim							
In Call Replace							
Answer Speed							
Typing Speed	4						

More information on each of the above reportable complaints is presented in the annual Virginia CapTel Customer Contact Talley that appears near the end of this document.

#### **Internet Relay Fraud**

Although internet relay fraud is not considered a reportable item by the FCC for purposes of this Log, the continued misuse of internet-initiated relay calls was the concern most often expressed to VDDHH and VA Relay staff during the past twelve months. Although relay providers contend they have implemented sufficient controls to prevent these calls, from our perspective, the problem persists.

The reputation and effectiveness of all state relay programs continues to be damaged by the presence of fraudulent internet-initiated relay calls. A single associated article or comment in the media, such as the NBC reports late last year, can negate months of positive education and outreach efforts by a state program.

While we applaud the FCC's recent efforts to reduce this problem, including its May 4, 2007 Public Notice, we do not believe it to be enough. Additional outreach and educational efforts are indicated to dispel the business community's perception that every relay call they receive is suspect.

#### Carrier of Choice - Billing of VoIP Relay Calls

An emerging concern related to Carrier of Choice for relay users is the growing popularity of internet-based long distance providers. In many cases, these new providers offer low or no cost long distance services to their customers, including relay users. Unfortunately, billing agreements are not currently established with these new companies and relay providers may not be able to readily process an associated long distance call. As a result, relay callers with VoIP telecom service are finding that their selected long distance company cannot be used to bill a toll call. In order to complete the call, the relay caller is required to identify an alternate provider or accept the billing rate of the relay provider. In either case, the relay caller is subject to a separate monthly bill for a service that may be at no cost under their existing or primary long distance plan.

As a result of the FCC's recent decision to extend the accessibility and usability requirements of Section 255 of the Communications Act to VoIP service providers, including contribution into the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Fund and connection to relay service users via 711, we hope that VoIP providers and their employees will become more aware of relay services in general. We encourage the FCC to consider reminding VoIP providers of the importance of establishing billing agreements with traditional relay providers. We will continue to monitor this issue closely during the 2007-2008 reporting period.

#### **Proliferation of Personal Numbers for IP Relay Users**

Recently, selected internet relay providers began offering the option of personal relay numbers for their customers. These personal numbers are a creative use of telecomm and internet-based relay features for the internet relay user to automatically receive their relay calls. Most of the personal numbers are automatically routed to text pagers, providing receipt of internet relay calls regardless of location. Unfortunately, the use of this new service by a portion of the general public is causing an unintended effect on traditional relay centers.

In the past few weeks, we have received numerous reports of individuals dialing 7-1-1 prior to entry of the personal toll free number of the text user they are calling. This incorrect procedure is resulting in the connection of two separate relay operators (one in a relay center, the other in an internet relay center) to complete a single relay call. In many cases, this use of two relay operators is not discovered by the traditional relay operator until the conclusion of the call. This situation results in the billing of double the relay minutes, costs shared by both the state and the TRS fund depending upon if the call is intrastate or interstate in nature. It is believed this problem can be contributed to the lack of consistency in the identification of the internet relay company or the operator number when a call is received from a hearing party, in this case a traditional relay operator.

## VA Relay

Annual Consumer Complaints Summary & Summary of All Consumer Feedback

June 1, 2006 – May 31, 2007

#### June 2006

Voice June 8, 2006

The customer complained the CA did not follow instructions.

Category: Attitude and Manner

Escalation: Received by the Virginia Relay Center and handled by the same.

Resolution: Apologized for the inconvenience, and assured the customer the CA's manager would

follow up accordingly.

Contact Closed: June 12, 2006

FCC: N/A

#### TTY June 13, 2006

The customer complained the CA did not type clearly.

Category: Typing Skill/Speed

Escalation: Received by the Virginia Relay Center and handled by the same.

Resolution: Apologized for the inconvenience, and assured the customer the CA's manager would follow

up accordingly.

Contact Closed: June 14, 2006

FCC: Typing Issue

#### July 2006

#### TTY July 4, 2006

The customer complained the CA did not help with his/her request.

Category: Attitude and Manner

Escalation: Received by the Virginia Relay Center and handled by the same.

**Resolution:** Apologized for the inconvenience, and assured the customer the CA's manager would follow

up accordingly.

Contact Closed: July 4, 2006

FCC: N/A

#### Voice July 17, 2006

The customer complained the CA did not follow instructions.

Category: Attitude and Manner

Escalation: Received by the Virginia Relay Center and handled by the same.

Resolution: Apologized for the inconvenience, and assured the customer the CA's manager would follow

up accordingly.

Contact Closed: July 21, 2006

FCC: N/A

#### August 2006

TTY August 27, 2006

The customer complained that during the call the CA did not respond and the call disconnected.

Category: Other (Equip)

Escalation: Received by the Virginia Relay Center and handled by the same.

Resolution: Apologized for the inconvenience, and assured the customer the information had been

forwarded to the technical team for review.

Contact Closed: August 28, 2006

FCC: N/A

## September 2006

No complaints received.

#### October 2006

No complaints received.

#### November 2006

TTY November 30, 2006

The customer complained the CA had not relayed the call verbatim.

Category: Other (CA/OPR)

Escalation: Received by the Virginia Relay Center and handled by the same.

Resolution: Apologized for the inconvenience, and assured the customer the CA's manager would follow

up accordingly.

Contact Closed: November 30, 2006

FCC: Verbatim

#### December 2006

No complaints received.

#### January 2007

TTY January 30, 2007

The customer complained that he/she could not bill an International call to his/her preferred carrier of choice.

Category: Billing Rate

Escalation: Received by the Virginia Relay Center and handled by the same.

Resolution: Apologized for the inconvenience, and assured the customer that his/her information would

be referred to the appropriate department for review.

Contact Closed: January 30, 2007

FCC: N/A

#### February 2007

No complaints received.

#### March 2007

No complaints received.

#### **April 2007**

TTY April 9, 2007

The customer complained the CA had not relayed the call verbatim.

Category: Other (CA/OPR)

Escalation: Received by the Virginia Relay Center and handled by the same.

Resolution: Apologized for the inconvenience, and assured the customer the CA's manager would follow

up accordingly.

Contact Closed: April 10, 2007

FCC: Verbatim

#### **May 2007**

TTY May 2, 2007

The customer complained the CA did not follow proper procedures during an HCO call.

Category: Other (CA/OPR)

**Escalation:** Received by the Virginia Relay Center and handled by the same.

Resolution: Apologized for the inconvenience, and assured the customer the CA's manager would follow

up accordingly.

Contact Closed: May 2, 2007

FCC: N/A

Voice May 14, 2007

The customer complained the noise level within the center was too loud.

Category: Other (Misc)

**Escalation:** Received by the Virginia Relay Center and handled by the same.

Resolution: Apologized for the inconvenience, and assured the customer that Management would follow

up accordingly.

Contact Closed: May 14, 2007

FCC: N/A

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June 1, 2006 – N			
I. Commendations	Voice	TTY	Total
CA/OPR Related	53	68	121
Relay/OSD Related	4	4	8
Other			
Total Commendations	57	72	129
II. Complaints	Voice	TTY	Total
CA/OPR	2	1	3
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Other (Misc)	1		1
Total Complaints	3	7	10
III. Inquiries/Comments	Voice	TTY	Total
General Information	75	26	101
Outreach/Marketing	2	1	3
Explain Relay	25	1	26
TTY Distrib/Purchase	39		39
LEC Service	13	4	17
Billing/Rate	18	1 9	27
Technical Related	9	10	19
Other	97	57	154
Total Inquiries/Comments	278	108	386
Grand Total :	338	187	525



# Enhanced Voice Carry Over Captel by Ultratec

Annual Consumer Complaints Log

June 1, 2006 – May 31, 2007







Date of	Nature of Complaint	Date of	Explanation of Resolution
Complaint 04/04/07	Accuracy of captions	Resolution 04/04/07	Customer shared feedback regarding accuracy of captions. Apologized for incidence and thanked custome for the feedback and informed them that information wou be shared with appropriate captioning service staff for follow up. Suggested customer document the date, time and CA number for more specific follow up.
03/21/07	Accuracy of captions	03/21/07	Customer shared feedback regarding accuracy of captions. Apologized for incidence and thanked custome for the feedback and informed them that information wou be shared with appropriate captioning service staff for follow up. Suggested customer document the date, time and CA number for more specific follow up.
03/05/07	Service - General	03/05/07	Technical problem identified. Resolution provided by network vendor.
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03/05/07	Service - General	03/05/07	Technical problem identified. Resolution provided by network vendor.
02/28/07	Disconnect/Reconnect during calls	02/28/07	Sent customer information explaining the difference between a CapTel phone and a traditional phone. Explained to customer why disconnection/reconnection might occur and sent email with tips to reduce occurrence.
01/23/07	Accuracy of captions	01/23/07	Customer shared feedback regarding accuracy of captions. Apologized for incidence and thanked customer for the feedback and informed them that information would be shared with appropriate captioning service staff for follow up. Suggested customer document the date, time and CA number for more specific follow up.
01/12/07	Service - General	01/12/07	Inbound call technical problem reported at 8:15 am CT on 1/12/07 resulted in increased queue times. The problem was completely resolved at 10:28 am CT by CapTel Technical Support.
01/09/07	Account Login Failure	01/09/07	Unit's account activated. Unit now operational.
01/08/07	Disconnect/Reconnect during calls	01/08/07	Sent customer information explaining the difference between a CapTel phone and a traditional phone. Explained to customer why disconnection/reconnection might occur and sent email with tips to reduce occurrence.
01/05/07	Sound Quality - CapTel user sounds far away & under water	01/05/07	Customer reported some callers mentioning this. Test call did not display this incidence. Suggested customer keep a log of problematic calls documenting the date, time and CA ID number, and report them to us for further investigation.
01/03/07	Disconnect/Reconnect during calls	01/03/07	Shared with VA outreach person information as to why disconnection/reconnection might occur and shared tips on things to check to reduce occurrence while at the customer's home on a visit. Offered ongoing assistance if needed to customer and outreach provider.
12/12/06	Disconnect/Reconnect during calls	12/14/06	Explained to customer difference between a CapTel telephone and a traditional phone. Explained to customer why disconnection/reconnection might occur and gave tips to reduce occurrence. Advised customer to have local telephone service provider test line.
12/07/06	Disconnect/Reconnect during calls	12/07/06	Sent customer information explaining the difference between a CapTel phone and a traditional phone. Explained to customer why disconnection/reconnection might occur and sent email with tips to reduce occurrence.
11/02/06	Agent didn't know the Customer Service phone number or how to transfer there so the agent asked the customer to	12/01/06	Apologized for the problem and assured that the complaint would be sent in as stated. No call back requested. Unable to do any follow up as this agent is no longer employed with relay.



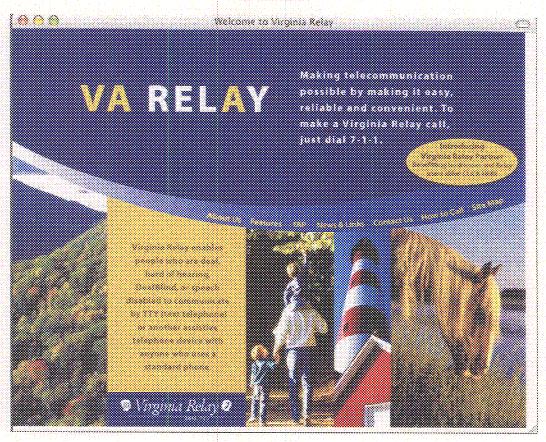
1	phone back to get the number. She should know where to find the number and also how to transfer to customer service.		
11/02/06	Agent left a strange email address on customer's answering machine message and didn't spell it out which made it very hard to understand	11/21/06	Thanked the customer for letting us know and assured that the complaint would be sent in as stated. No call back requested. Met with the CA concerning this issue. The date of which this contact was made was a day the CA was neither working nor the day before or the day after). Without more information on this, unable to do any further follow up.
11/17/06	Disconnect/Reconnect during calls	11/17/06	Sent customer information explaining the difference between a CapTel phone and a traditional phone. Explained to customer why disconnection/reconnection might occur and sent email with tips to reduce occurrence.
11/17/06	Sound Quality - Static	11/17/06	Provided customer with general suggestions to resolve static sounds.
11/08/06	Disconnect/Reconnect during calls	11/08/06	Sent customer information explaining the difference between a CapTel phone and a traditional phone. Explained to customer why disconnection/reconnection might occur and sent email with tips to reduce occurrence.
10/16/06	Disconnect/Reconnect during calls	10/18/06	Sent customer information explaining the difference between a CapTel phone and a traditional phone. Explained to customer why disconnection/reconnection might occur and sent email with tips to reduce occurrence.
06/22/06	Disconnect/Reconnect during calls	06/22/06	Sent customer information explaining the difference between a CapTel phone and a traditional phone. Explained to customer why disconnection/reconnection might occur and sent letter with tips to reduce occurrence.
06/06/06	Captions lag too far behind voice	06/06/06	Apologized for incidence of delayed captions; provided explanation of the nature of captioned calls* defined "normal" 3-4 second delay* and asked customer to provide additional information on unsatisfactory calls for further investigation.

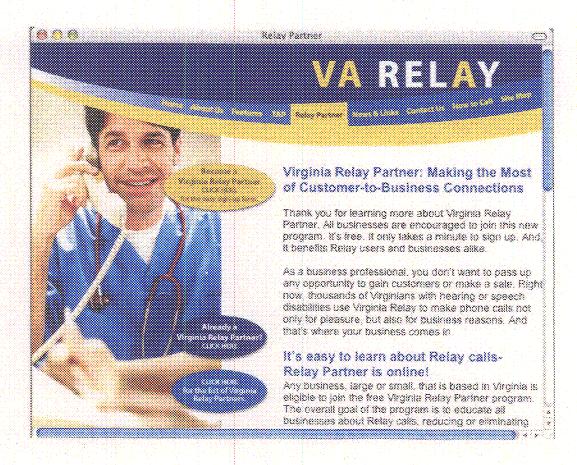
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Examples of Virginia Relay Outreach Materials

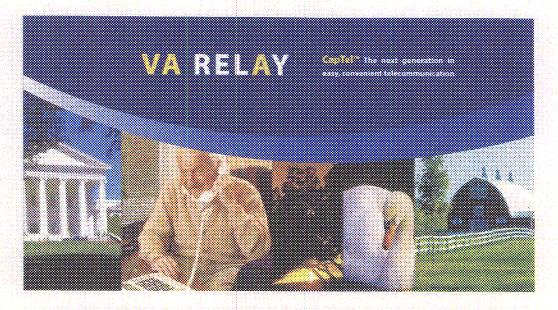


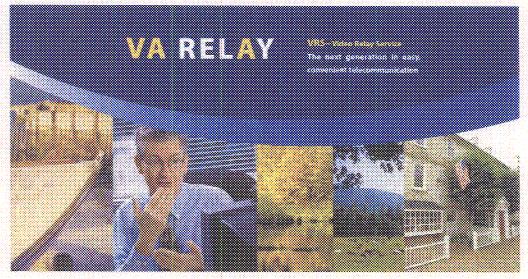
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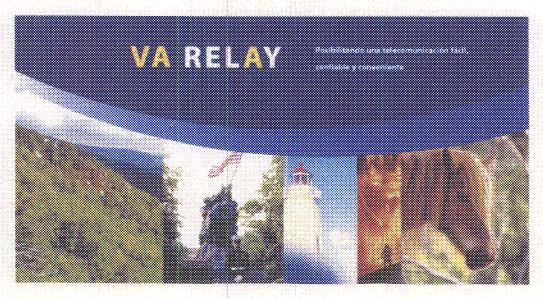




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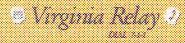




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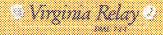
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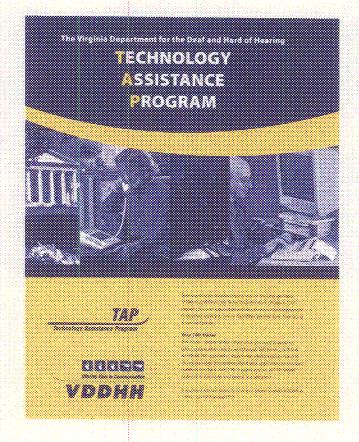


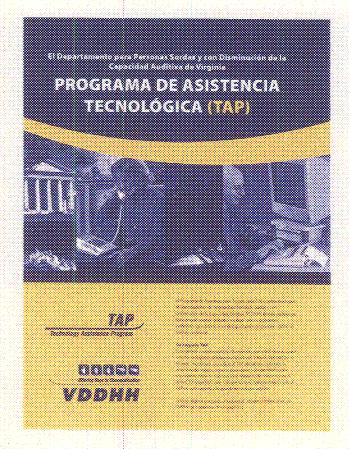
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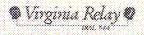


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